

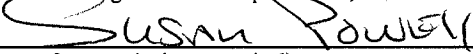
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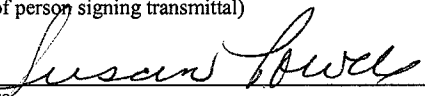
Applicants : Tadahiro Ohata, et al.  
Serial No. : 09/903,014  
For : DIGITAL BROADCAST SIGNAL PROCESSING  
APPARATUS AND DIGITAL BROADCAST SIGNAL  
PROCESSING METHOD  
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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated August 22, 2007, wherein  
restriction was required as follows:

Group I claims 1, 2, 7, 8, 12-14, 23, 24, 28-30, 34-36, 45-47 and 49, which the  
Examiner characterized as being directed to "transmitting information;" and

Group II claims 9 and 31, which the Examiner characterized as being directed to  
“receiving.”

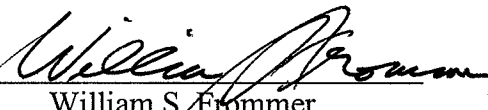
While Applicants do not necessarily concur with the Examiner's characterization  
of the claims, nevertheless, Applicants elect, **without traverse**, Group I claims 1, 2, 7, 8, 12-14,  
23, 24, 28-30, 34-36, 45-47 and 49 for further prosecution in the present application.

Applicants reserves their right to file a divisional application to re-present the  
nonelected claims.

An early examination on the merits of the elected claims is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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